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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled,

Improved Muffler

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office, all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issued therefrom.

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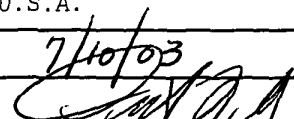
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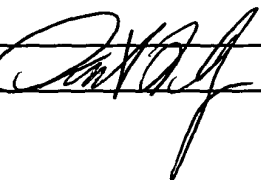
Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity
Status (37 C.F.R. 1.9f and 1.27b) - Independent Inventor

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under §§ 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention captioned above, and described in the specification filed herewith.

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